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Title : Need for a new railway line between Mysore and Thalassery via Mananthavady.

SHRIMATI P. SATHEEDEVI (BADAGARA): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of this House about the proposal for a new Railway line between Mysore and Thalassery *via* Mananthavady. The Thalassery−Mysore Railway line proposal was declared by the late Lal Bahadur Shastri, the then Union Minister during his visit to Kerala. Later, three surveys were conducted at various times for this proposal. However, no follow up actions were taken to fulfil the dream of the people living in the two States, namely Karnataka and Kerala. After commissioning of this line direct travel to cities like Bangalore, Hyderabad, Tirupati and Howrah will be possible.

It will certainly benefit lakhs of students and employees of Kerala and Karnataka and will lead to promotion of tourism also. This new proposal is unique as it does not do any harm to the forest environment. Hence the Railway Ministry may please see that the survey is completed for Thalassery-Mysore railway line and fulfil the dream of the people of Kerala and Karnataka by starting the functioning of the line.